

MEMORANDUM
VIENNA

NO.: VSM/SLZ/1444

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DATE:

4 April 1949

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TO : [] and []
FROM : []
SUBJECT : Oxytone
REF : VSM/FRB/791 and Wash. 1172

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1. Wash. 1172 rightly assumed that operations through GYORFFY's sister and VILLAX would end with Barna GYORFFY.

2. The writer feels it inadvisable to use the letterbox recommended in Wash. 1172, par. 3/A for the following reasons:

a) The use of the letterbox would require that someone contact GYORFFY to indicate to him the letterbox in question. This alone might frighten him unless he knows and trust the person who approaches him.

b) Time at hand is insufficient for the Case Officer in Budapest to control the safe transmittal of the letter since he must leave on 2 April 1949.

c) Reluctance to use Budapest personnel for reasons given in MAV-W-969, par. 9.

3. The writer agrees with Wash 1172 that the first plan proposed by VILLAX involves too many people. Nevertheless, he would prefer to avoid the use of Susanne GYORFFY even for basic contact, because through the use of this channel, Barna GYORFFY will be able to identify the writer which might result in eventual reprehensions on the part of the Gyorffy family. The

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original proposal for contact through Susanne GYORFFY was put forward by the writer at a time when a contact, offering greater security through Villax, was not yet available.

4. While waiting instructions from Washington, the VILLAX family left for Clermont Fernand, France, to accept a position offered by the French government. Ivan VILLAX was contacted by the writer before he left and requested to prepare a letter to Barna GYORFFY (copy attached) which he was permitted to hand to Erno HEBERSTREIT, whom he met on 3 March in Werfen. Heberstreit was to serve as the first link in the proposed courier system. Heberstreit does not know the ultimate addressee and was instructed, because of VILLAX's impending trip, to hold the letter until he received instructions to forward it through the channel, as proposed in VSM/SIZ/1379. Heberstreit can be contacted, in our behalf, in Vienna, either through the provisory letterbox, or at his new address which, according to his communication received through the letterbox a few days ago, was changed to Vienna IV, Mayerhofgasse 3.

5. In view of the above, the following is proposed:

a) Heberstreit should be notified that he return the letter from Villax to us. (This should be done tactfully because he may offer channels into Hungary and may prove a good man to work with at a later date.)

Subsequently we will

b) ~~Heberstreit should be requested to~~ forward the letter, through safe hands, direct to Barna GYORFFY, via channels offered by [] and Barna should be instructed verbally to send an answer direct to the sender. Villax maintains regular correspondence with Barna and agreed to forward any letters to us via ~~addressed to~~ Alexander SZINNYEI, Wasserschloss,

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Anif, Salzburg.

6. The Villaxes were carefully questioned regarding all other possible sources in Hungary. MAV-817 and 927 indicate all possible prospects known to them. Ivan VILLAX also recommended Bela BAUMAN mentioned in VSM/SLZ/1379.

7. Susanne Gyorffy will be questioned on the communist stepson of Barna, and on Barna's wife, at the next opportunity.

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